

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2010

The North Providence School Committee met on December 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairwoman Reall, Mr. Marciano, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri and Ms. Leva. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano and Mr. Henneous. Dr. Donoyan, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Milazzo were present for the regular session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried to go into open session at 7:00 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence dedicated to Gail Brennan.

III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).

The Chair reported that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to seal the Minutes of the December 15, 2010 Executive Session.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.

No comments were received.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Whelan School Diorama Presentation.

This item was deferred until January.

2. Teaching American History Grant Presentation.

Melissa Caffrey gave a presentation regarding the Teaching American History Grant. Members of the Committee thanked Ms. Caffrey for all her hard work on this grant.

3. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the December Monthly Financial Report as presented. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No 10-12-01. Be it resolved that, at the request of the Superintendent, the Monthly Financial Report for be approved. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye pending receipt of the information requested, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Field Trips.

Dr. Donoyan asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the Field Trip Requests as presented in accordance with School Committee Policy. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 10-12-03. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

5. Home Schooling Requests.

No Home Schooling Requests were received.

6. 2011 Meeting Schedule.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the North Providence School Committee for approval of the 2011 Meeting School. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-12-04. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the 2011 Meeting Schedule as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Palmieri,

aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

7. Standing Orders.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the Standing Orders Revisions as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 10-12-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the Standing Orders Revisions as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

8. 2011 NPHS Winter Ball Contract.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the 2011 NPHS Winter Ball Contract as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 10-12-06. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the 2011 NPHS Winter Ball Contract as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

9. NRIC Governing Board Appointee.

The Chair recommended the appointment of Superintendent Ottaviano to the NRIC Governing Board. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-12-07. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Chair, the North Providence School Committee vote to appoint Donna Ottaviano to the NRIC Governing Board. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Video Taping Meetings – Mrs. Reall.

The Chair asked Councilwoman Brady to report regarding the video taping of meetings. Mrs. Brady spoke about the protocol for taping the meetings. The Chair thanked Mrs. Brady for her presentation.

2. Technology Update – Mr. Palmieri.

Dr. Donoyan announced that she received notification on Monday that the grant was approved in the amount of \$517,000.00.

3. Building Update Re: Maintenance and Safety – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri asked for an update on the buildings. Mr. Milazzo gave an update regarding the completion of the work at Stephen Olney School and McGuire School. He also gave an update regarding Marieville and Centredale schools.

4. Union Response to Class Schedules - Mr. Palmieri.

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No requests were received.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Awarding Bids.

No bids were received.

2. Consideration of Resignations; Retirements; Leaves of Absence; Dismissals; Layoffs; Non-Renewals; Layoff Rescissions; Appointments/Other.

A. Resignations.

No resignation requests were received.

B. Retirements.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Retirement Request submitted by Elizabeth Manning – Elementary Teacher – Grade 4 – Greystone Elementary School Effective December 28, 2010.

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 10-12-10. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the retirement of Elizabeth Manning as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

C. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Kerri Crescenzo-Croft, Special Educator – Ricci Middle School for Paid Medical Leave Effective November 29, 2010 through January 10, 2011; Kym Hambly – 7/8 Grade English/Language Arts Teacher – Birchwood Middle School – Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence Effective December 8, 2010 through January 3, 2011; Jason Ryan, Secondary English Teacher – NPHS – FMLA Paid Leave Effective January 13, 2011 through February

11, 2011; and Teresa Sousa – Teacher Assistant – Centredale Elementary School for Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence Effective November 30, 2010 through TBD. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 10-12-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests as presented by the Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

D. Appointments.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for the following appointment: Colleen Achin – Grade 4 Elementary Teacher – Greystone Elementary School – 1st Step/BA Effective January 3, 2011 through the end of the 2010/2011 School Year Only. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 10-12-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Appointment as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. The Committee offered congratulations to the appointee present.

E. Layoffs/Non-Renewals.

No Layoffs/Non-Renewals were submitted.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented. The Chair recognized past members of the School Committee, Dr. Pallotta and Mr. DaSilva.

XI. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests submitted which were not previously approved, based on School Committee Policy, availability and the request meeting all the necessary conditions. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 10-12-15. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 10-12-16. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the December 2010 List of Bills in the amount of \$710,964.80. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 10-12-17. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and approve and seal the Minutes of the November 17, 2010 Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-12-17. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2010 Regular School Committee Meeting

as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.

No public comments were received.

XV. PENDING BUSINESS

No pending business was discussed.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Margie Caranci,
Recording Secretary of the North Providence
School Committee**

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: